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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 7, 2006

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of April 7, 2006. A fee for an additional independent claim is believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. Consequently, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

If any other fees are necessary, including extension of time fees, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.